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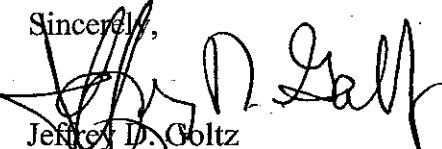
Dear Mr. Barrett:

Thank you for your letter dated July 22, 2010, detailing the results of the evaluation of the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) Pipeline Safety Program. I appreciate your recognition of our Pipeline Safety program and staff's active participation on various technical committees and task teams. The UTC is committed to the national pipeline safety effort and will continue to participate in activities that enhance the working relationship between the States and the Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration.

In regards to item 2 of your letter, noting needed improvements to the pipeline section's Policy and Procedures Manual (manual), the UTC has completed the necessary improvements with respect to how we conduct Follow-up and Damage Prevention inspections. These revisions have been incorporated into the manual for use by field and administrative staff.

Thank you and Mr. Glynn Blanton for the courteous and professional manner demonstrated during the audit process. Should you have additional questions, please contact David at (360) 664-1219.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey D. Goltz
Chairman

cc: Glynn Blanton, PHMSA - State Programs
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